**Blackford Community Council**

**DRAFT Minutes of Meeting**

**Tuesday 26th November 2019**

**Lower Hall, Moray Institute**

**Present**

Iain Paton (IP) Chair

Katharine Huggett (KH) Vice Chair

Janet Law (JL) Secretary

Irene McLaughlan (IM) Treasurer

Tony Reeman Clark (TRC) Community Councillor

Caitriona Hutton(CH) Community Councillor

Councillor Tom Gray Perth and Kinross Council

1 Blackford resident

**1 Welcome and apologies**

IP welcomed the two new Community Councillors attending: Caitriona Hutton and Tony Reeman Clark.

**Apologies:** Councillor Murray Lyle, Councillor Crawford Reid, Bob Watkinson, Ann Gaunt, Neil Gaunt

**2 Minutes**

Minutes of meetings of 24th September and 29th October were presented for signing

Draft minutes of Meeting of 29th October 2019 previously circulated were approved with the following amendments:

Item 2 para I line 3 delete “use” insert “review”

Item 3 para 2 line 3 delete “Traffic Team” insert “Roads Department”

item 7 para1 line 2 insert “up to” before 3000

item 7 para 1 line 5 delete “landscaping” and insert “earth moving”

**3. Matters Arising**

IP reported that he had received some papers of interest from Margaret Beith

Legacy Tree: KH will ensure the new tree is staked better the the previous one..

Minutes Secretary**:** IP reported that there is no plan to appoint a paid minutes secretary at present as more information would be needed before discussion.

**4. Other business**

IM reported that she had been asked if the CC could raise the matter of the need to fix the cemetery wall, and also to repair the foot path up to the cemetery from the road. KH had previously asked Highland Spring if they would be willing to help repair the path as the new rail yard is restricting use of other routes. However this approach had been unsuccessful. TG offered to take the matter up with PKC.

**5. Correspondence**

***Previously circulated to Community Councillors by email***

**PKC** C458 Castleton, Auchterarder - Temporary road closure

**PKC** Auchterarder Various Streets Temporary Road Closures

**Scottish Land Commission**: Invitation - Public Meeting - Perth, 12 November, 7 pm

**PKC** A824 High Street, Auchterarder - Temporary suspension of parking & loading

**PKC** Commununity Investment Fund deadline for 2nd Tranche extended to 15th Jan 2020

**Strathearn Forum of Community Councils** Draft Minutes of meeting August 2019

A further meeting was provisionally arranged for 20 November, however

in view of the formation of new community council (elections etc.)

meeting for the first time this month it has been decided to postpone

the next meeting into Spring 2020. This will give CCs an opportunity

to have any subject matters they wish to discuss with neighbouring CCs.

**National Community Energy Campaign** Draft Motion supporting Community Energy

**PKC Road Safety** Copy of consultation letter to PKC Councillors on the upgrade of small section of pavement on north side of Moray Street from entrance to rail yard to level crossing, then from there as far as a point opposite the entrance to the old Gruff Kids Playpark (see further under Planning Report)

**Roseanna Cunningham MSP** Letter in response to our request for information re rights to be consulted if the hours of the PO Van are reduced.

**Minority Communities Hub Perth** Violence against women event 26th Nov

**PKC Proposed Green Route notice of consultation** email reads, ”As per our previous consultation, the attached notice will be advertised for the proposed Green Route from Blackford to Gleneagles.

“The Green Route was approved at the Environment and Infrastructure Committee on 21st August 2019.

“If no objections are received the Legal order can be made at the start of the New Year with the installation of the signs following.”

***Forwarded to IM***

**PKC** URGENT Carers Connect Event - Locality carer engagement and transport

coordination

**PKC** The Gannochy Trust - funding roadshows advance information

***Available from JL***

**Perth and Kinross Community Transport Fund 2019/2020**

Applications are invited from appropriate organisations that currently provide or co-ordinate passenger transport related services in their communities.

**Luke Graham MP** Dissolution of Parliament Letter

**Secretary’s business**

None

**6.Treasurers Report**

As of 26/11/19, Blackford Community Council Money, £881.12, Trebsen Funds £499.93, remainder of LAP funding money for tables £332.00 and £1.08 in the Business Banking Instant Access Account.

Once the necessary fixings have been purchased to allow the Trebsen canvas photo, plaque and copy of the Twinning agreement to be erected in the Moray Institute, the balance of that fund will be transferred to the savings account.

IM has investigated whether the sign sent to us by Trebsen could be displayed at the entrance to the village. PKC Roads Department have said that it is not suitable for display at this location but that they would design and put in place a new sign. The proposed design was discussed and suggested change to the proposed wording was agreed. IM will respond to Roads Department. IM

IM presented the draft minutes of the Twinning Committee of 14th November to update the Community Council on progress to date.

**7. Planning Report**

The meeting on winter preparedness and flooding had been cancelled.

Shed at Panholes has been demolished but burning on site required attendance of fire services. Core path still closed.

Lights on the footbridge have been repaired but the installation seems unsatisfactory

Luddon construction have started work on railyard site. Information has been distributed to the nearest households. Signs are now in place. Cables are in place at the entrance to the village.to count the numbers and types of vehicles, and to measure the speed of vehicles. These should be in place for six months. Information recorded is sent to PKC. The old station building is to be demolished as it is unsafe

Potholes have appeared on the slip road at the east end of the village. This has been reported to PKC.

The Green Route for safe cycling and walking has been approved by the Council and there is a plan to link into the village by making the pavement between the entrance to the rail yard and the level crossing into a dual use path. KH and AG will respond suggesting extending the dual use path to link up the two sections of the U188, the slack dale and the other road to the cemetery, which are both part of the proposed Green Route They will also draw attention to the existing plans for the rail yard which will. KH and AG

**8. PKC Councillors Report**

TG reported that PKC Community Councils section is very busy with the General Election.

A new temporary school crossing patroller has been appointed.

The puffin crossing is to be installed in early 2020

**9. Community Rail Partnership Report**

Neil Gaunt will be attending a meeting of CRP on Thursday

**10 Paths Group Report**

No report.

**11. Police Report**

Apologies from Community Police Officer were received.

**12 AOCB**

**Dates of meetings.** It was agreed to follow the usual pattern of meeting on the last Tuesday of the month until June 2020 as the small hall is booked

Newsletter IM is planning to produce a newsletter this month. IM

A Blackford resident objected to PKC’s refusal to report on the costs of the Christmas lights switch on in Perth and also to the fact that the pavements on the side roads in the village were not treated during recent cold spell. JL suggested that these points could be addressed to our PKC Councillors who will see them in the minutes of the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm

The next meeting will be held on

**Tuesday 28th January in the Moray Institute, Lower Hall**